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The proposed settlement is a complete mistake. Under the current version, it completely gives Microsoft a huge advantage over the single entity that microsoft has itself publicly stated that it deems as its greatest threat.

This entity is GNU/linux and the rest of the opensource community such as open source projects like Samba and Apache.

also, when it comes to the monetary portion of the settlement, it is hardly reasonable to allow them to include their own products as part of the monetary settlement. It costs them nothing to give their software away and deduct the retail cost of it away from the ballance. If the Government wants to make Microsoft help out poor schools, make them provide it all in hardware and allow the schools to decide what kind of hardware and what software to place on top of it.

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